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UD THEATER TO PERFORM PREMIERE PRODUCTION OF PLAY

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton theater program will present the premiere stage production of the play "By Appointment Only" by Ronald Mielech Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 4-6 in Boll Theatre. A reception for the playwright in the Kennedy Union art gallery will follow the Friday, Feb. 5 performance. Admission to the reception is free and open to the public.

Mielech based the play on something that happened to his friends in graduate school. It revolves around the dilemmas faced by a married couple who can't have children but find a doctor with a treatment that can help them. The catch is that the wife must see the doctor within an hour after intercourse for the procedure to work, entangling the couple in a mesh of misunderstandings and constant interruptions that thwart their endeavors. Director Lawrence Selka, assistant professor of theater and friend of the playwright, describes the play as a bedroom farce where there's "never the deed, but much talk about doing."

The play will feature Mark Farrelly as Melvin, the frustrated husband; Jody Bartman as his wife, Annie; Rachel Sacksteder as Melvin's mother, Mildred; and Kevin Sexton as her husband, Harry. Curtain time is 8 p.m. for all performances, and general admission tickets are \$7. For more information, contact the theatre box office at (513) 229-2545 or (513) 229-3950.

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